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## SWEITZER BOOM

**Campaign of the County Clerk for the Democratic Nomination for Mayor Gains in Strength.**

**Spring Campaign Is Now Fully Under Way With Candidates for Every Place in the Running.**

**General Gossip from Municipal, County, State, Sanitary and Other Political Fields of Public Interest Up to Date.**

**What the Leaders in the Wards Are Doing for Their Country, for Themselves and for Their Friends.**

Robert M. Sweitzer is certainly putting up a great fight for the Democratic nomination for mayor. He is speaking every night and his friends are organizing everywhere. The women voters are not being overlooked as the events of the week prove.

In the Sweitzer headquarters the executive committee of the Jewish Sweitzer organization was given out. In it are contained the names of several who heretofore have followed the H. and H. banner. Heading the list is Jacob Lindheimer, who is chairman of the Jewish Sweitzer league. Other former Harrisonites counted in the executive committee are Stanley Kumbrenner, 28th ward; Dr. Robert G. Halperin, 10th; Louis Barnett, 34th; Louis G. Glick, 19th; Samuel R. Rabinoff, 25th; Charles Keller, 10th; John Frisch, 3rd; David Cohen, 8th; Dr. M. L. Aaron, 34th; Louis A. Wittenberg, 20th, and Jacob Schoenberg, 18th ward.

During the week great activity has prevailed in the rival democratic camps. Robert M. Sweitzer addressed several delegations of women at his Hotel Sherman headquarters and smoothed out trouble between the women and a Polish organization as to which would have a certain room for headquarters. The county clerk showed his diplomacy by securing for the women a room richly furnished and having gold trimmed chairs.

County Clerk Sweitzer, in addressing members of the woman's organization of the Thirty-third ward, promised, if elected, to regard himself as "the public's hired man and not an overlord." The club adopted resolutions declaring that they wished to have "a flesh-and-blood mayor."

The American Geological association has adopted resolutions endorsing the candidacy of Robert M. Sweitzer. The resolutions criticize present methods of dealing with crime. They are signed by President William A. Rourke and Secretary R. M. Franklin.

The Woman's Regular Downtown Sweitzer club has opened with headquarters in Hotel Sherman. Officers of the organization are Mrs. Joanna E. Downes, chairman, and Mrs. Dora J. Furlong, secretary.

The Ninth Ward Italo-American Carter H. Harrison club has been organized, with a membership of 100. Its officers are: Pasquale Recupido, president; Cio Vasoli, vice president; Ralph Nastari, secretary; Nick Asquino, treasurer; Frank Nigo, sergeant-at-arms.

The 22d ward regular democratic organization held its first meeting of the campaign and endorsed Mr. Sweitzer for the democratic nomination for mayor and William P. Ellison for the aldermanic nomination. R. L. Schapp is president and M. J. Wagner is secretary of the organization.

At Sweitzer headquarters a number of former Harrison men are reported to be for Sweitzer in this fight. In the Bohemian-Slavonic Sweitzer

League are a number of former followers of the mayor. James F. Bambas, formerly H. and H. is president. Leo L. Muck, the secretary, is credited to the Dunne camp and Joseph Cepak, financial secretary, formerly was with the "Hatch and Hatchers."

In the Irish-American Sweitzer organization John T. Keating is a former member of the board of education who has aided the mayor heretofore and Municipal Judge J. K. Prindiville has always played the game with the mayor.

William F. Brennan, president of the Brennan Constructing Company, general contractors at 11 North LaSalle street, and a political power in the Twelfth ward, wrote a letter to Mayor Harrison in which he advises the mayor not to be disappointed if he loses that ward in the primaries.

He criticizes Mr. Harrison for not supporting Roger Sullivan in the latter's campaign for United States senator, and announces his determination to do all in his power to elect Robert M. Sweitzer, mayor.

Mayor Harrison declared that he matched the various lists of "converts from the Harrison camp" which the Sweitzer managers have announced recently by giving out names of various "converts from Sullivan." Former Aldermen William T. Maypole and Thomas Little were included in the additions to his forces. In the 16th ward he named Walter Orlikowski, a former president of the Sullivan organization; Frank W. Koraleski, former assessor; State Representatives A. G. Trandel and Albert Rosentkowski, all prominent Poles.

Vincent S. Zwiefka, a former Sullivan candidate for drainage trustee, will be backed by the Harrison 16th ward organization for alderman against Ald. Stanley H. Kunz.

"That shows the good citizens of the 16th ward approve of my administration," said the mayor. "I always carry that ward."

At the Hotel Sherman, where Robert M. Sweitzer has his headquarters, the largest women's meeting of the campaign was held.

It was originally intended that Mr. Sweitzer would speak only to members of the Illinois Democratic League, but upon learning that several hundred women, members of the Art and Travel Club, were attending a luncheon on the floor above, managers of the affair invited them to attend.

The clubwomen accepted the invitation and so great was the crowd that hundreds were unable to get into the assembly room, where Mr. Sweitzer spoke. Members of the women's organization favoring Mr. Sweitzer reported that 400 of the clubwomen signed applications for membership in the political organization.

While County Clerk Sweitzer was telling the women what he will do if elected, Mayor Harrison was talking at a meeting of the German-American Democratic Women's Organization at the Bismarck Hotel.

Five hundred women were present at this meeting and resolutions were

adopted endorsing the mayor for reelection.

In addition to Mayor Harrison speeches were made by William H. Sexton, former corporation counsel; Mrs. Agna Felice, Leopold Neumann, Peter J. Ellert, A. D. Weiner and Comptroller Michael Zimmer.

A unique campaign organization was introduced when it was announced at the Sweitzer headquarters that the county clerk will have the support of the first chauffeurs' club ever organized in the city for political purposes. B. L. Maloney is president of the or-

ganization, which is known as the Chauffeurs' Sweitzer Club, which already has a membership of 500.

The Twenty-ninth Ward Guards, which is the regular Democratic organization in that ward, has endorsed Sweitzer for mayor and Hubert Kilens for alderman.

The South Side Street Car Men's Robert M. Sweitzer for Mayor Club was organized. Headquarters were opened at 5858 South Halsted Street.

lows: Harold Dyrenforth, secretary; W. T. Bruckner, treasurer, and J. R. Lenfesty, W. J. Mohr, R. J. Fitzgerald, Judge M. W. Pinckney and W. B. Simpson, directors. Mr. Peabody received 1,100 votes and Mr. Hoelscher 685. Mr. Peabody is president of the Peabody Coal company.

The men behind the automatic gas shut-off graft are again at work boosting their scheme.

The drys want a fight in Chicago in 1915. They can have it.

favor the candidacy of William Hale Thompson, refused to vote.

With this deadlock on the decision was made unanimously to dissolve the caucus. The Olson seventeen met immediately, the resolution of approval for Judge Olson's candidacy was drawn up by Mr. Deneen and signed.

Thompson workers held their weekly meeting Tuesday night at the Hotel Sherman, 600 being present. Announcement was made that the number of pledges signed now amounts to 155,648, and resolutions were adopted

Michael McGinnis was elected president.

Francis D. Connery is the choice of a majority of the Sweitzer people for City Treasurer, although some of them favor Congressman George E. Gorman of the Third District for the place.

The legislature should pass a law prohibiting snow to fall or ice to form on Chicago sidewalks. If it does fall, or ice does form the householder should be punished. Nothing else will satisfy the Trust Press.

Judge Olson's candidacy for mayor has stirred up a protest from a number of lawyers.

In a protest presented to the Chicago Bar association that organization was asked to take a hand to prevent the mixing of politics and the administration of justice in the city's courts.

The protest was signed by W. M. Lawton, Joe Beatty Burt, John V. Cline, James Ewing Davis and William A. Cunnea.

"The law is too sacred and the administration of justice by the judiciary too important for any judge, clothed with judicial authority and power, to participate in a political campaign for mayor of the great city of Chicago while he still holds judicial office," says the petition.

"The fact that a judge obtains leave of absence from his judicial duties while he is running for a political office does not in any way remedy this evil. Judge Olson has four years of his term as chief justice of the Municipal court yet to serve.

"If he should be defeated in his campaign for mayor he would return to the bench clothed with the power to punish and reward."

The best way to settle this sidewalk-cleaning-of-snow question is for the Legislature to pass a law changing the climate of Chicago to perpetual summer.

Francis S. Peabody was elected President of the Chicago Athletic Association on Tuesday for the ensuing year. A better choice could not have been made. A high minded, enterprising, typical American, he is also the ideal Chicagoan—always abreast of the times and ahead of the other fellow in the world of progress.

The vice presidency went to H. H. Latham.

The other offices were filled as fol-

## THOMPSON GAME

**Will Fight to a Finish and Laughs at Bosses' Failure to Control Majority of Caucus.**

**General Political Gossip About the Mayoralty and the Other Places to be Filled Next Spring.**

**Latest Items of Interest from All the Camps About Candidates and Their Prospects in the Spring Election.**

**Mayoralty Fight Is Getting Hotter as the Time for Settling the Battle Draws Closer to Hand.**

The Republican mayoralty caucus broke up in a deadlock which has tossed the choosing of a Republican standard bearer to the voters at the primary.

The announcement of the Olson candidacy followed the failure of the Olson men to muster the required twenty-four votes in the caucus of the Republican committee. There were eleven fruitless ballots. Judge Olson had seventeen on every roll call. The field controlled eighteen. Judge Marcus Kavanagh had eight votes. Judge Theodore Brentano had four. Ald. A. J. Fisher had one. Five, known to

commanding the charge filed with the Chicago Bar Association complaining against Chief Justice Olson running for mayor while retaining his position in the Municipal Court.

Ald. Jacob A. Hey, following Tuesday afternoon's meeting of the progressive city committee, declared himself to be the more determined to carry his mayoralty campaign on the progressive ticket to the finish.

The committeemen who had followed him out of the previous meeting of the committee attended the session and protested against the endorsement of Olson.

The action of the fusion committee to support Judge Olson was carried over their protest.

Edward J. Brundage, who with Thomas Curran, directed the blockade on Deneen's plans in the caucus, declared upon hearing of Olson's endorsement that he would take no part in the primary fight.

"I went into the caucus in good faith," said Mr. Brundage. "We never had a chance to discuss Republican mayoralty possibilities, but all the machinery was geared for one man, who I did not think could muster the full strength of the party. As the caucus could not agree on a mayoralty candidate, I have no recommendation to make and I shall take no part in the primaries, but I shall support the nominee no matter who he may be."

Judge Olson announces he is willing to lead the fusion forces in the impending mayoralty battle.

"If the progressives and non-partisans are satisfied with the endorsement I received from the seventeen delegates to the Republican caucus I will enter the primary race," he said. "I believe they are satisfied. They seem to be. For that reason I have decided to go into the race."

The majority of the members of the committee present were against Olson, so the caucus adjourned without endorsing any candidate.

The seventeen Olson men decided to make a fusion with the Progressives and Non-partisans and support their man on a fusion ticket. They will try to nominate Olson at the Republican primary.

John J. Geraghty, a Democratic candidate for mayor, aroused interest by showing signed petitions, each bearing one of the new 10 cent federal revenue stamps. Inquiry at once was made at the revenue office whether stamps are required.

"The question is a novel one," said Frank E. Hempstreet, chief deputy collector of internal revenue. "My opinion is that no stamp is required."

If a 10 cent stamp were required for each petition with twenty-five names, it is said there would be less ambition to roll up petitions with 100,000 names.

Mr. Sweitzer emphasized his open door policy again in addressing a delegation from the Twentieth ward which called at his office.

"I do not believe in private keys, nor do I believe in closed doors for public officials," said Mr. Sweitzer. "What is the business of the city of Chicago which needs to be done be-

hind closed doors? What person has business with the mayor of Chicago that entitles him to a key to the back door? Scandals are born behind locked doors. Cut out the private keys to the mayor's office and you will cut out the scandals."

Mayor Harrison has taken personal charge of his headquarters in the Briggs house. In the past he has given more or less of personal direction to his campaign, and he has said he would do the same thing this year. He has kept out of the fray up to the present because of the demands made on him by the budget-making activities of the council finance committee.

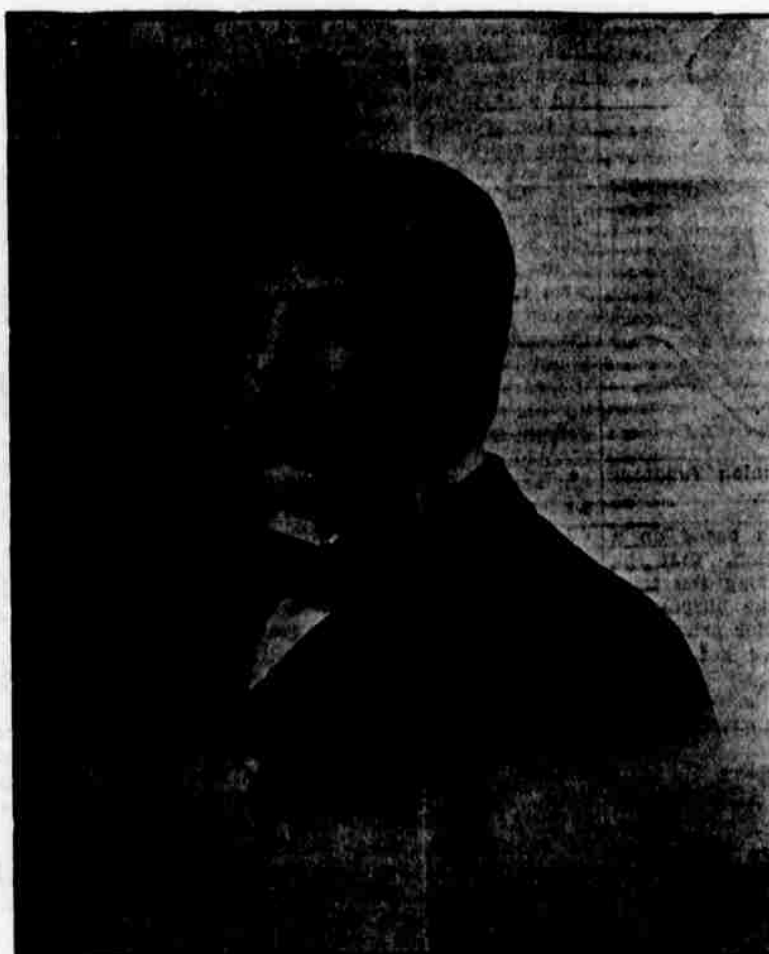
Ambrose A. Worsley according to gossip will probably be the Democratic nominee for the vacancy on the Municipal bench created by the election of Judge Scully as County Judge. The place is to be filled this spring according to a ruling by Francis D. Connery, city clerk. A previous announcement by Dennis J. Egan, chief clerk of the election commissioners, that names of candidates for one vacancy in the Municipal court bench would be printed on the ballots if certified by the city clerk caused the ruling. Mr. Connery said that he would certify the names of all who file petitions and a rush among the lawyers is expected. The vacancy is caused by the election of Judge Thomas F. Scully as county judge and the term expires in the fall of 1916.

Five vacancies now exist in the council. In the 5th and 18th wards they are of aldermen whose terms expire this year. In the 3d, 15th and 25th wards they are of aldermen whose terms would expire in the spring of 1916, and three short term aldermen must be elected for these places in addition to the thirty-five regularly elected.

William Hale Thompson in a signed statement indicated he felt the result of the caucus to be a distinct victory for himself. His statement said:

"In view of the stand taken by a few self-appointed committees and leaders, presuming to represent the Republican and Progressive parties as to the selection of a candidate for mayor and other offices in the approaching city primary election, I take the liberty of calling to the attention of the voters of Chicago the fact that whenever any clique of politicians or any faction of any party undertakes to use the official party committee as an instrument through which and by which to foist personal selections upon the electorate, they flagrantly violate the direct primary law in both letter and spirit. Men who have built their political reputations by denouncing political machines and schemes, should be the last to violate the direct primary law now on our statute books, for the passage of which they so loudly clamored.

"If these political cliques and factions would refrain from using the party committees to serve their own ends and allow the voters themselves in their respective parties each to nominate his own candidate as desired by a majority of each of the parties I feel sure that the people would choose the man in each party best qualified to serve it and in whom



FRANCIS STUYVESANT PEABODY.  
Newly Elected President of the Chicago Athletic Association.